because in his heart he wishes well to the prosperity of the world/' " Nature has taught him, that neither himself nor mankind can be fully satisfied with his conduct, nor bestow upon it the full measure of applause, unless he has actually produced the ends which it is the purpose of his being to advance/' " It is even of considerable importance, that the evil which is done without design should be regarded as a misfortune to the doer as well as the sufferer/' " As in the ancient heathen religion, that holy ground which had been consecrated to some god was not to be trod upon but upon solemn and necessary occasions, and the man who had even ignorantly violated it became piacular from that moment, and, until proper atonement should be made, incurred the vengeance of that powerful and invisible being to whom it had been set apart; so, by the wisdom of nature, the happiness of every innocent man is in the same manner rendered holy, consecrated round about against the approaches of every other man, not to be wantonly trod upon, not even to be in any respect ignorantly and involuntarily violated, without requiring some atonement in proportion to the greatness of such undesigned violation/'

From the same irregularity, or, as we would rather call it, perversion of sentiment, there proceeds the excessive regard paid by certain individuals, or by certain grades of society, ages, or nations, to those virtues which happen to chime in with the prevailing tastes, or to be immediately subservient to the interests of the parties. Prudence, outward decency, and caution, a spirit of frugality and industry, come to be commended among certain classes, as if they were all that was required to render the possessor's character pleasing in the sight of God ; while, in other grades of life, a spirit of liberality and courage is supposed to make atonement for every vice. Hence, too, the popularity which attaches to certain qualities which are evil

in themselves, because supposed to be the concomitants, and therefore the indications, of pleasing or useful virtues. While we cannot, without partaking of the sin, commend this spirit, we may observe how it has been one great means of fostering the temperance, the frugality, and the industry which so distinguish certain walks of life, and the spirit of generosity and valour, the chivalry, the romance, and heroism which have been so beneficial in certain stages of society. We may deplore the absence of higher and